

EAGER AVENUE GRACE CHURCH

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21

Worship Services

Sunday, August 11, 2024

11 am: "Have You Switched Sides?" | 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
Randy Wages

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Christ's Heirs

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done” (Titus 3:5). A very young believer was in deep distress. He went to his pastor, a man wise in the faith, and told him, “No matter how much I pray, no matter how hard I try to obey, I simply cannot seem to be faithful enough to my Lord. I wonder if I am truly saved.” The pastor saw his dog lying on the floor and gave the young believer the following lesson. “Do you see this dog? He is my dog. He is house-trained, he never makes a mess; he is obedient; he is a pure delight to me. Out in the kitchen I have a son, a baby son. He makes a mess; he throws his food around, he fouls his clothes; he is a total mess. But who is going to inherit my things? Not my dog; my son is my heir.” If you trust in Christ, even with little faith, you are Jesus Christ’s heir because it is for you that He died and rose again. Brethren, we are heirs of Christ, not through our perfection but by HIS perfection, not by our works but by HIS grace, not by our diligence, obedience and faithfulness, but by HIS alone. Let us all strive to remember this. --- Copied

Not an Insult But a Necessity

The doctrine of the total depravity of all men without exception is not revealed to insult us. The revelation of total depravity in the Bible is the diagnosis of a terrible disease we all have by nature – the terrible disease of sin. Because of self-righteousness and pride, the natural man sees it as an insult to his self-proclaimed dignity and goodness, but he does not know the real depths of his own depravity and the seriousness of sin as it rules and mars his whole life and being. Total depravity does not mean that we are all as bad as we could be in the eyes of other sinful human beings. Thank God for His restraining power to keep us from going the full depths of our fallen, sinful natures. Total depravity means: (1) We have no righteousness of our own working. Man lost what righteousness he had when Adam fell and brought us all, the whole human race, into sin, depravity, and death (**Rom. 5:12; 3:10**). (2) We cannot work out righteousness by our best efforts to keep the law and obey God. Righteousness cannot be attained by our works (**Rom. 3:19-20; Eph. 2:8-9**). (3) Because we all fell in Adam, we are born spiritually dead with no desires for the things of the glory of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. We do not know, desire, or seek after righteousness God's way in the Gospel of His free and sovereign grace through the Lord Jesus Christ (**Rom. 3:11-12**).

This is revealed to God's people by the Holy Spirit in the new birth as He convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment, showing us our need of Christ through the grace of God and His righteousness alone for our complete salvation and justification before God. This is when the Holy Spirit imparts life to a dead sinner and gives that sinner a desire to seek and cling to Christ by faith for all salvation.

—Pastor Bill Parker

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth” (Rom. 10:4). To what purpose doth the apostle Paul bring this passage, that Christ is the end of the law; but that by these words he might confute their vanity, who think to establish their own righteousness in the fulfilling of the law? You think by your keeping the law you can attain to the end of it, that so you may obtain the grace of the LORD? It is not you that can reach the end of the law; neither doth God aim at it that you should reach it, but He hath constituted and ordained Christ to be the end of it. Therefore, the righteousness of God must be the righteousness of Christ; the righteousness that God aims at is perfect, a righteousness that reaches to the very end of the law. Your righteousness can never reach to the end of it; it is Christ's alone that doth it.

—Tobias Crisp (1600-1642)

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25)

The true Christian has enough to make him genuinely happy! All of his sins are forgiven and forgotten. He is adopted into God's family. His person is justified before God. He is clothed in the perfect righteousness of Jesus. He is a child of God. He is regenerated by the Holy Spirit. He has the Spirit of adoption in his heart. He is at peace with God, and God is at peace with him.

—Copied

From the Pastor

Debbie and I are in Ashland, KY, visiting our family. The Lord willing, we will return home this week. Please pray for us as we travel. Brother Randy Wages will be preaching here in our 11:00 a.m. service. WE WILL RESUME OUR REGULAR 10:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18.—Pastor Bill Parker

Birthdays

Ashlyn Mattle – Aug. 14th | Dennis Vanzandt – Aug. 17th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

August 11th service

-My Faith Has Found a Resting Place - 228

-Grace Greater Than Our Sin - 209

Call to Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**That grace that reigns in righteousness,
A just God and a Savior He,
This way He must forever be.**

**From old eternity was wrought,
A purpose of His grace to show.
Eternal love then did design,
To send the Son down here below.**

**Christ came and lived the perfect Man,
Submissive to the Father's will.
Then on the cross He died to save,
And there His blood did freely spill.**

**That sacrifice for sins then made,
The debt to justice satisfied.
Now all for whom He suffered there,
Must now be freely justified!**